

Ethan Frome Chapters 6-10

1. How do you feel about the way the novel ends? Write down what, if anything, surprised you about the ending.
2. What questions still linger in your mind about the events and characters you have read about?
3. What is your opinion of Ethan and Mattie's decision to attempt suicide?
4. In your opinion, who or what is most responsible for the tragic events of the novel?
5. Do you agree with Ethan that there was nothing he could have done to find happiness?
6. Most people in Starkfield respond indifferently or insensitively to Ethan's problems. What resources in your own community-religious leaders, charitable organizations, mental health professionals, and so forth-might help someone like Ethan?